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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Bjarne L. Christensen et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/536,535 ) Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody  
Filing Date: February 28, 2006 ) Group Art Unit No.: 3679  
For: CONNECTING PIECE FOR A ) Confirmation No.: 9902  
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated February 24, 2009 for a period of three months.

Applicant is:  small entity (per 37 CFR 1.27)       other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$130.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$490.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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